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Letter from Texas.

[Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.]

AUSTIN CITY, Texas, Aug. 5th, 1870.—The immigrant from older States with limited capital, desires to make safe and remunerative investments. He is naturally anxious to become independent. It is clearly to his interest to cultivate the soil, settle at once and become a substantial farmer. If he works diligently, his labors will be crowned with rich returns. I have known the most indigent, not isolated, but numerous, who have come here since the "late unpleasantness" and by one season's cultivation of rented land, become the owners thereof, and are now regarded as independent. Although it is a fine State and may be literally regarded as the "land flowing with milk and honey," it is first necessary to milk the cows and gather the honey, before the one or the other can be enjoyed. Neither can be obtained without labor. Therefore those who arrive here with the impression that they are to realize a fortune without working, will soon find to their chagrin, that Texas is not the country they supposed it to be. The lands are rich, the Delta of the Nile will not surpass them on this point. They require but a small share of labor usually bestowed upon the lands of the other States, to make them yield large. In fact so great is the fertility of the soil, that it will produce the same crops year after year without the aid of manure or fertilizer.

The average crop throughout the State, is about one bushel of cotton to the acre, though I have known double that quantity on one farm. Average land will produce 50 to 60 bushels of corn or 20 to 30 bushels of wheat. The introduction of the late improved farming implements, will add materially to our agricultural interests.

Cattle can be raised with very small outlay and expense, and as a grazing and farming country, I can safely assert that western Texas, if equally, cannot be surpassed in any part of the known world. During the entire year we have been blessed over the whole State, with copious rains, the crops are looking admirable, in fact never in the history of Texas were they excelled, and the yield will be tremendous.

We have a great country and great people; and our society will compare well and favorably with that of the Eastern States. Our people never indulge in politics. In fact we have no politics. We have a Governor! A Legislature, many office holders, and a few carpet baggers and scoundrels; but the bone and sinew, the honest yeomanry of our land have long since abandoned politics and gone to work in real earnest.

The "Bonnie blue flag" no longer reflects the light of the morning sunbeam, nor kisses with its silken folds the genial breezes of our sunny clime. Another banner waves in triumph over its closed and prostrate folds; but the hands which bore it aloft, along the fiery crests of a hundred battle fields, so often defying danger and death, no longer rally around it.

"Furl that banner, softly, slowly;
Furl it gently, for 'tis holy;
For it droops above the dead,
Teach it not, unfurl it never."
"Let it droop there, furl'd forever;
For 'tis the people's hopes are fled."

But the South needs no eulogy. The faithful record of her achievements will encircle her brow with glory, bright and enduring as the diadem which crowns her cloudless skies. The scenes of Marathon have been re-enacted in the new world, without the beneficent results which flowed from those battle fields of freedom, and the South lies prostrate at the feet of her conqueror; but dearer to me, is she, in this, the hour of her humiliation than was she in the day of her pride and power. Each blood stained field, each tract of devastation, each mutilated form of the Confederate soldier fallen in her defence, each widow's tear, each orphan's cry, are but so many cords that bind me to her, and draw my affections close around my stricken country. Good men have talked of leaving her to her fate, but when I desert her may the live thunders smite me where I stand, and when in obedience to that solemn command, dust to dust—when my heart shall cease its pulsation, it shall be with the proud consciousness that it never knew one tear, but in union with the honor and glory of my country. But I must refrain.

The Legislature being still in session, it is to be hoped, some good and wholesome laws will be enacted. The State being entirely out of debt, and a flush treasury, with judicious management, Texas will soon be checked with ringing lines of railroad.

As I write, the rain is falling, not in torrents, but gentle and soaking, and all hearts are made glad at the abundant crops. Again let me invite one and all to come to this land of promise. We have plenty of room, though the State is rapidly filling up. No man is ostracized on account of political antecedents. Politics is an ingredient we care little for. All men of industry and good habits can succeed here, but the prospects for seafarers—gloomy. I hope I may be permitted to note the progress of the Lone Star through the columns of your paper.

With many wishes for your prosperity, I am truly,
PAM.

A ROYAL CHRISTENING AT POTSDAM.—In the midst of all the great preparations for war, there was a ceremony at the palace of Potsdam, on Sunday, which had, says a correspondent, an interest all its own. The youngest daughter of the Crown Prince and of the Princess Royal of England was christened in the presence of the King, of the royal family, of many grand dukes, serene highnesses, and princes, of the foreign ministers, and of the great personages of state, and the generals.

The venerable Von Wrangel was there in white tunic and jack boots—major of heavy horse at Leipzig, and alive to see another Napoleon in the field against his master. Count Bismarck towered above every one in his uniform; the Crown Prince, Prince Frederick Karl, and the soldiers of Konigsgratz. The christening was performed in a room from which the day was excluded, lighted with wax tapers, with an altar draped beneath a canopy.

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Hon. Sec. of War, Wash. D. C.; Judge A. R. Olin;
Hon. N. G. Ordway, Sgt. Arms, U.S. H. of R.

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BANK OF THE OLD DOMINION.

Alexandria, June 27th, 1870.

Notice is hereby given that the countersign-
ed notes of this Bank and its Branch at Pearis-
burg must be presented at this office for redem-
ption at par on or before the first day of
July, 1871, or the same will be barred, in con-
formity with an act of the General Assembly of
Virginia, passed June 16th, 1870, entitled an
"Act for the relief of the Bank of the Old Do-
minion."

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desirable to close its business and to redeem
the small amount of its circulation now out-
standing, the holders of its notes are earnestly
requested to present them for payment at an
early day. WM. H. LAMBERT, Cashier

R. H. MILLER, Pres. jo 27—lawm

CORPORATION LICENSES.

AUDITOR'S OFFICE.

ALEXANDRIA, VA. July 27, 1870.

The attention of interested parties is called to
the following resolution, adopted by the City
Council of Alexandria, July 26th, 1870:

Resolved, That the Auditor be, and is here-
by, instructed to give notice to all persons re-
quired to take out a license, to call at his office
for a certificate of the amount due for such li-
cense, and when said amount is paid by the ap-
plicant to the Treasurer of the Corporation, the
Treasurer's receipt on said certificate shall con-
stitute the license asked for.

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R. E. ASHBY, Auditor.

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EASTERN HERRING,
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150 bbls. HERRING NO. 1 GIBBED HERRING,
100 bbls. PORTLAND ROUND
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